

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40 are pending and rejected; claims 20 – 23 were withdrawn by the Examiner after applicants provisionally elected to prosecute claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40. The Examiner has rejected claims 24 – 29, 33 and 36 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) for being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,258,200 issued to Kassab (Kassab). The Examiner has also rejected claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over Kassab. Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected claims 36 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, for claiming a method of use without reciting acts to practice the method.

The applicants affirm the election of claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40 for prosecution and the withdrawal of claims 20 – 23. The applicants amend claims 36 – 40 not to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a) but to address the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §101. The applicants also add new claim 41. The applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of the claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a) and believe the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed below.

### **Rejection of claims 36 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph**

The Examiner rejects claims 36 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, because these claims are drawn to a method of using the mount but do not recite acts describing how to use the mount. To overcome these rejections, the applicants amend claims 36 – 40 to recite acts describing how to use the mount. Therefore, the applicants believe claims 36 – 40, as amended, are allowable over the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 and 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

### **Rejection of Claims 24, 25 – 29, 33, 36 – 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

The applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 24, 25 – 29, 33 and 36 – 40 because Kassab fails to disclose all the limitations of claims 24,

25, 36 and 40 as amended. More specifically, Kassab fails to disclose a mount having a first surface carrying an adhesive coating to adhere the mount to an object such as a sheet of paper.

The applicants' claims 24, 25, 36 and 40, as amended, recite a mount comprising a first surface carrying an adhesive coating. This adhesive coating is capable of adhering the mount to a sheet of paper. Thus, the mount may be used to mount a sheet of paper that does not include adhesive to an object such as a window or wall.

In contrast, Kassab fails to disclose a mount comprising a surface carrying an adhesive coating. Kassab discloses a static-cling film as an intermediary between a sticker having an adhesive layer, such as a car windshield sticker, and a receiving surface, such as a car windshield. The sticker is adhered to the first side of the static-cling film with the sticker's adhesive layer. Furthermore, Kassab does not suggest that the static-cling film should carry an adhesive layer. Thus, it is essential that the sticker include an adhesive layer for Kassab's static-cling film to mount the sticker to the car windshield. Therefore, unlike the applicant's claimed mount, Kassab's mount may not be used to mount a sheet of paper to a window or wall unless the sheet of paper includes an adhesive to adhere Kassab's mount to the sheet of paper. Consequently, the applicant's claimed mount is much more widely useable than Kassab's static-cling film.

Claims 26 – 29, 33 and 37 – 39 are patentable by virtue of their dependencies from claims 25 and 36.

#### **Rejection of Claims 1 – 19, 24, 25 – 35, 36 – 39 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)**

Claims 1, 24, 25, 36 and 40 are patentable over Kassab for reasons similar to those recited above in support of claims 24, 25, 36 and 40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Furthermore, with respect to claim 1, given that the static-cling film of Kassab does not have a surface carrying an adhesive coating, it is submitted that contrary to the Examiner's assertion, it would not have been obvious to provide a plurality of these mounts releasably adhered to a backing sheet. This would not have been necessary for the static-cling film of Kassab since the individual strips of film could be stored or

transported merely by packing them together in boxes. In contrast to the applicants' claimed mounts, there would be no problem of Kassab's static-cling films adhering to one another since the static-cling film does not carry an adhesive coating.

Claims 2 – 19, 26 – 35 and 37 - 39 are patentable by virtue of their dependencies from claims 1, 25 and 36.

### **Conclusion**

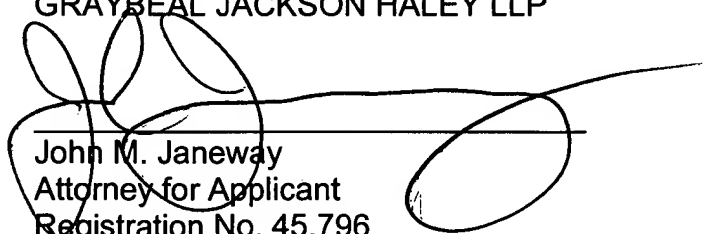
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw his rejection of claims 1 – 19 and 24 – 40 in view of applicants' amendments and remarks and issue an allowance for these claims and newly added claim 41.

Applicants have enclosed a check (No. 20267) for \$97 to pay for one month's extension of time and the newly added claim 41. Should any additional fees be required because of this amendment, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-1897.

If the Examiner believes that a phone interview would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' attorney, John Janeway, at (425) 455-5575.

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